# **Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**



# Public Works Engineering

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Date: Thursday, August 9, 2012

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sloat Conference Room

Atrium Building, 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (Enter from the back alley off 10<sup>th</sup>

Ave)

Eugene, OR 97401

**BPAC Members Present**: Sasha Luftig, Judi Horstman, Harriet Behm, Jim Patterson, Edem Gomez, Fred Tepfer, Rex Fox, Rex Redmond, Anya Dowbrowolski, David Gizara, Holly McRae, Jennifer Smith

BPAC Members Absent: Shane MacRhodes, Tom Schneider,

Staff: Lee Shoemaker, Rob Inerfeld, Tom Larsen, Erica Abbe

Members of the Public: Vicky Mello, Carlos Barrera

# **Agenda**

- Open Meeting
- Public Comment
  - There were no public comments.
- Approve June 14 and July 12 Meeting Summary Notes
  - Meeting notes approved.
- City of Eugene Community Accessibility Advisory Group
  - Starting Accessibility Advisory Committee in September. It will advise Central Services.
  - They hear a lot about issues in the public right of way.
  - Recruiting BPAC position on committee. Would like someone for one year cycle.
  - Most of the people on the group work with constituencies related to accessibility issues plus there are some at large positions.
  - Meets 2nd Monday of the month, noon to 1:30 September through May.
  - Developing tasks and agenda items.
  - A lot of people weren't aware that you existed.
  - They are flexible if someone can only commit for a few months because they are being term limited off.

# • ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Process

- Rob Inerfeld said ODOT has developed a new process for STIP funding allocation. Previously, grant programs were Flexible Funds, ODOT Bike-Pedestrian, and Transportation Enhancement. ODOT has combined Transportation Enhancement and ODOT-Bike-Ped into a grant process. Eugene submitted two projects, Amazon Active Transportation Corridor and Northeast Neighborhoods Livable Streets. The City of Eugene was authorized to apply for the Northeast Neighborhoods Livable Streets grant.
- Rob said the new STIP funds will be divided into two categories-Fix-It and Enhance. Examples of Fix-It projects are pavement preservation, culverts, fish passage, bike and ped improvements on state highways, etc. Enhance projects include bike-ped facilities on or off state highways, transit, transportation options, safe routes to school, trails, etc. About 80% will go to Enhance. The Area Commissions on Transportation will set priorities. In Lane County, the Lane Area Commission on Transportation will set the priorities for STIP funding. There will also be a public process through the Metropolitan Policy Committee.
- Rob said the City of Eugene is considering applying for STIP funding for the Amazon Active Transportation Corridor, Jessen Path, a facility plan for Beltline Highway, and the Jessen Shared Use Path.
- Judi Horstmann likes the multi-modal aspects of the funding and hopes the LaneACT is prepared to be multi-modal. David Gizara said livability should be the first priority in project identification. Anya Dowbrowolski said the Amazon project is important due to the high speeds of vehicles.

# Recruitment of New Members

- 7 positions on BPAC turning over.
- Holly suggestion to open process on September 1
- Sasha promote at Sunday Streets Lee will send out materials for feedback - one week for comments
- News release, advertising. Fred look back at 2009 application to see how people heard about it Anya - Facebook ad - paid Dave - public schools newsletters Lee - go through Shane and LTD Sasha neighborhood association newsletters Poster, flyer RR/SC newspaper Edem - Centro de la Communidad, 3PM, UO programs Anya can forward to different UO programs

# • 2012 Transportation Projects Update

Path Connector Project

- Rasor Park Concrete paving started this week. Path construction and restoration work will continue next week. The contractor will continue work along River Road which may result in closure of the right northbound lane. The contractor has installed temporary passage for sidewalk users in order to keep the east side sidewalk open during construction.
- Merry Lane Bridge and path construction continues.

• 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Amazon Path – Tree trimming and clearing of vegetation is occurring this week. The contractor is planning to reconstruct sidewalk along Amazon Parkway on Monday (8/13/12) which will result in a lane closure on Amazon Parkway in the right eastbound lane during construction and closure of the sidewalk for two days. Barricades with maps of suggested alternate routes for pedestrians will be installed in the vicinity of the sidewalk closure. The contractor is expected to begin construction of the short retaining wall the week of August 13th.

# • West Bank Path

- Construction starts August 27th and ends by October 19<sup>th</sup>
- o Constructed in two phases, north end first. Each half closed 3 weeks

#### North Bank Path

o Construction from the end of August to the end of October

# Silver Lane

 Currently working on ADA ramps and storm sewer. Project complete by the end of August

#### Oakmont

 Same contract as Silver Lane. Will start Oakmont after completing Silver Lane. Project will be completed mid-September

# • 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- o Basically complete
- o 1<sup>st</sup> day issue, two cars in bike lane and garbage cans

# • Information Share

- Jim Patterson: visited monthly meeting of Lane County ombudsman, asked about places where people have challenges crossing the street. Coburg Road and Bailey Lane and Willakenzie and Sheldon High School were mentioned as challenging places to walk across the street. Cascade Manor issue with people driving out of Rite Aid not seeing ped signal
- Harriet: bring more bike bells to Breakfast at the Bridges
- Anya: Working on a best practices for bike parking
- Edem reported on Festival Latina
- Anya: example of bench in CA that was installed by another BPAC. Could we take on a project, perhaps in the area where Sunday Streets is?
- Jim Patterson: private bench on McMillan Street, graffiti on Fern Ridge Path
- Edem: he is volunteer coordinator for BRING garden tour on September 16. They're looking for volunteers
- There would be a city and a BPAC at Sunday Streets.

# Adjourn